GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ACTION PLAN ON TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether America has invited Indian delegation to chalk out an action plan to wipe out terrorism;

(b) if so, the date on which the said invitation was received; (

(c) whether the Government have taken a decision to send the delegation;

(d) if so, the persons selected for inclusion in the delegation; and

(e) the time by which the said delegation is likely to leave for America?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (e) India and the United States have an ongoing cooperation to combat terrorism through a bilateral Joint Working Group on Counter-terrorism. The Joint Working Group provides a forum for the two Governments to discuss ways on sharing experience, intelligence and information, coordinating approaches and action, and building institutional structures and capability in combating terrorism.

During the visit of the Prime Minister to Washington D.C. from 7-9 November 2001, the United States announced its intention to invite the Home Minister to Washington D.C. as part of the process of strengthening counter-terrorism cooperation between India and the United States. The dates for the visit are being worked out through mutual consultation.